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Robert Clark, PP, Director of Planning
Monmouth County Planning Board
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One East Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728

**Re: Western Monmouth Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement
Request for Additional Information**

Dear Mr. Clark:

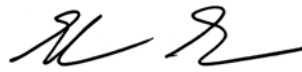
I would like to commend the Monmouth County Planning Board for working diligently towards the County's goal of Initial Plan Endorsement for the Western Monmouth region. However, as we discussed during our telephone conversation on March 1, 2007 between staff of the Office of Smart Growth (OSG), the Department of Environmental Protection and the Monmouth County Planning Board, consistency issues remain that will hinder the County's ability to achieve Initial Plan Endorsement for the Western Monmouth Plan. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5(f), I would like to request additional information to assist with the review of the Western Monmouth Development Plan for consistency with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

In our conversation of March 1st, we agreed that OSG and our state agency partners will work with Monmouth County to develop an Action Plan that will outline the steps necessary for the County achieve endorsement of the Western Monmouth Plan. This Action Plan will constitute a contract between OSG, the state agencies and the County that specifies responsibilities of all parties and provides a clear and predictable path to Plan Endorsement.

We anticipate that a draft Action Plan will be ready soon, and thus we will reach out to you next week to schedule a meeting to discuss the next steps for moving forward. We look forward to working with you to develop an Action Plan which will result in a mutually beneficial planning partnership between the State and the Monmouth County Planning Board.

Thank you again for your participation and dedication to the Plan Endorsement process. Please feel free to contact Russel like, Area Planner for Monmouth County, with any questions or concerns at 609-292-6350 or at Russel.Like@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eileen Swan', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Swan
Executive Director

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